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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6861

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CDES, HA

SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: CRASH OF U.S. REGISTERED TURKS AND CAICOS AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY IS RELIABLY INFORMED THAT TURKS AND CAICOS AIRWAYS (TCA) TRISLANDER AIRCRAFT, REGISTER NUMBER N-38JA, EN ROUTE GRAND TURKS ISLAND VIA CAP HAITIEN, CRASHED NEAR DONDON IN NORTH HAITI AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 15. ALL TEN PERSONS ABOARD WERE KILLED. SEVEN PASSENGERS AND ONE TCA EMPLOYEE REPORTEDLY WERE AMERICAN CITIZENS. NAMES OF VICTIMS FOLLOW AS REPORTED:

EDWIN GUADELARIA ERIVAUD - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN)

NELSIE ERIVAUD - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN)

LOUIS DON ERIVAUD - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN)

PHILOMENE ERIVAUD - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN)

MIRIELLE ERIVAUD - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN)

WILLIAM BROWN - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN) EDITCH BROWN - PASSENGER (US CITIZEN)

TONY PERELLA - TCA MECHANIC (US CITIZEN)

EDWIN TAYLOR - TCA PILOT (BRITISH)

SERGE CHARLES - HAITIAN CITIZEN (US RESIDENT)

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EMBASSY AND TCA ARE ATTEMPTING TO TRACE NEXT OF KIN.

PASSPORT NUMBERS WILL BE SUPPLIED DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

- 2. WITNESSES TO CRASH REPORTEDLY STATED THAT EXTREMELY HIGH LOCAL WIND WAS CAUSE OF ACCIDENT. EVEWITNESSES SAID AIRCRAFT BROKE UP IN AIR. PILOT WAS HEARD TO RADIO AT ABOUT 2:15 PM LOCAL TIME THAT HE HAD ENCOUNTERED BAD WEATHER.
- 3. TCA MANAGER (DAVID DUMONT, PORT-AU-PRINCE TELEPHONE NUMBER 2-4211) INFORMS THAT ALL BODIES ARE BEING HELD AT HOSPITAL MORGUE, CAP HAITIEN. (DUMONT STATES HE WILL NOTIFY NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AT MIAMI SOONEST.) TCA AGENT AT CAP HAITIEN REPORTS HE HAS POSTED GUARDS AROUND CRASHED AIRCRAFT.
- 4. HAITIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF CRASH AND REPORTEDLY DISPATCHED GOH HELICOPTER TO SCENE EVENING OF AUGUST 15. GOH AIR CORPS HEADQUARTERS HAS NO RPT NO FURTHER DETAILS AT PRESENT, HOWEVER. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING ALSO TO CONTACT GOH CIVIAL AVIATION DIRECTOR. CORCORAN

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